

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 96-119-C - ORDER NO. 2002-646 *fe*
SEPTEMBER 10, 2002

IN RE: Application of Intermedia Communications,) ORDER
Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience)
and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange)
Telecommunications Services within the State)
of South Carolina.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) by way of the Application of WorldCom, Inc. (“WorldCom”) and Intermedia Communications, Inc. (“Intermedia”) (collectively, the “Companies”) for authority to discontinue local resale services in the State of South Carolina. As part of WorldCom’s ongoing evaluation of Intermedia’s operations since WorldCom’s acquisition in July 2001, WorldCom has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to discontinue Intermedia’s local resale service.

By letter, the Commission’s Executive Director instructed the Companies to publish, one time, a prepared Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the areas affected by the Application. The proposed Notice of Filing was to inform interested parties of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceedings. The Companies complied with this instruction and provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. No Protests or Petitions to Intervene were received.

According to the record, WorldCom acquired Intermedia on July 1, 2001.

Intermedia has continued to operate since the WorldCom acquisition under the existing Intermedia certificates and tariffs. WorldCom intends to transition Intermedia's business and residential long distance customers to comparable service plans offered by MCI WorldCom.

WorldCom will be discontinuing the provision of Intermedia's resold basic local exchange telecommunications. These are services that Intermedia purchases from another carrier, most often the incumbent local exchange carrier, but sometimes from another competitive local exchange carrier, and then resells to its customers. The discontinuance of services of basic local exchange telecommunications services will affect approximately sixty-four (64) customers in South Carolina. WorldCom's decision to discontinue Intermedia's basic local exchange telecommunications services in South Carolina is based in part on the limited number of Intermedia resale customers in South Carolina. Moreover, this decision is consistent with WorldCom's effort to consolidate and streamline Intermedia's lines of business so as to improve the operational efficiencies of the Company and allow it to focus on more profitable areas of its business.

The record reveals further that the discontinuance of Intermedia's local resale service will not affect Intermedia's other services. Thus, WorldCom is not at this time seeking to cancel any certificate issued by the Commission to Intermedia or any tariff on file at the Commission, since Intermedia will continue to provide certain government contract and other telecommunications services pursuant to its existing certificates.

Accordingly, WorldCom is not at this time seeking to cancel any Intermedia local and/or

long distance certificates or tariffs, but upon completion of the discontinuance of the local resale service will as necessary make tariff filings to reflect the modifications to Intermedia's service offerings. WorldCom anticipates discontinuing Intermedia's resold local exchange telecommunications services on or after August 9, 2002.

Regarding notice to existing customers, WorldCom has developed a customer notification plan that is intended to provide customers with ample notice and opportunity to transition to another carrier to avoid any interruption of service. Individual written notice was provided to each customer affected by the proposed discontinuance via first class mail on June 11, 2002. The customer notice letter contains the following information: identity of services which are being discontinued and services which remain unaffected; the date on which the discontinuance is expected to occur; notice to the customers that they will need to select a new service provider to avoid interruption of service; and a toll free number for information or questions regarding the discontinuance.

WorldCom believes that the discontinuance will not adversely affect the public interest in South Carolina. The record indicates that WorldCom has determined that the discontinuance of Intermedia's local resale services in South Carolina is necessary and appropriate for the Company's long term business plans. Intermedia has a limited number of customers in South Carolina receiving its resold local exchange services and WorldCom has provided these local resale customers with at least 60-days notice, which affords customers ample time and opportunity to switch their services to an alternative carrier. Finally, the record reveals that WorldCom has provided these customers with a toll-free number to address any customer concerns.

We find that the Companies' request to discontinue Intermedia's resold basic local exchange telecommunications services in South Carolina is not detrimental to the public interest. Therefore, we grant the Companies' request to discontinue Intermedia's resold basic local exchange telecommunications services in South Carolina for the reasons cited above in this Order.

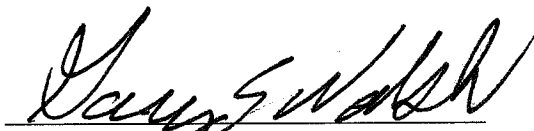
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Mignon L. Clyburn
Chairman

ATTEST:



Gary E. Walsh
Executive Director

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